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Environment Department Issues Order to City of Raton for Landfill Violations

(Santa Fe, NM) –The New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) has issued a Field Compliance Order (Order) to the City of Raton for violations of the New Mexico Solid Waste Management Regulations. These violations were identified during NMED's April 15, 2003 inspection of the City's landfill.

NMED has cited the City of Raton for three violations. These are: failure to control blown litter on site and on adjacent property, failure to apply daily cover to the waste and failure to store tires in an approved manner that minimizes the potential for fire and potential hazard to public health or the environment.

In addition to at \$3,000 penalty, NMED will conduct a follow-up inspection in the near future to assess the corrective action required in the Order. NMED will also meet with Raton City officials in an attempt to identify and eliminate the underlying causes for the violations to ensure that the City complies with these regulations in the future.

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